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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **MULTI-CELLULAR FLOATING PLATFORM WITH CENTRAL RISER BUOY**, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ was filed on July 9, 2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/616,400.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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